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WHEN DR. JANE FOSTER LIFTS THE MYSTIC HAMMER MJOLNIR, SHE IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE GODDESS OF THUNDER, THE MIGHTY THOR! HER ENEMIES ARE MANY, AS ASGARD DESCENDS FURTHER INTO CHAOS AND WAR THREATENS TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE TEN REALMS. YET HER GREATEST BATTLE WILL BE AGAINST A FAR MORE PERSONAL FOE: THE CANCER THAT IS KILLING HER MORTAL FORM...

WITH THE HELP OF THE RE-FORMED LEAGUE OF REALMS, THOR FREED THE LIGHT ELVES FROM THE RULE OF THE DARK ELF KING, MALEKITH. BUT THE WAR OF THE REALMS HAS JUST BEGUN...

RETURNING TO ASGARDIA TO REST, JANE WAS INSTEAD CONFRONTED BY CUL, THE ACTING REGENT OF ASGARD. CLAIMING CONCERN FOR HER ABSENCES FROM THE CONGRESS OF WORLDS, CUL GAVE HER A WEEK TO RID HERSELF OF HER CANCER AND RESUME HER DUTIES--OR HE WOULD REMOVE HER FROM ASGARDIA.

BUT THE SHI'AR EMPIRE BEAT HIM TO IT. WITHOUT WARNING, GLADIATOR AND HIS IMPERIAL GUARD INVADED ASGARDIA AND KIDNAPPED THOR, TELEPORTING HER TO THE M'KRAAN PALACE--WHERE SHE FOUND HERSELF AT THE FEET OF THE GODS OF THE SHI'AR.

THE ASGARD/SHI'AR WAR, PART TWO:
THE CHALLENGE OF THE GODS

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SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE EDGES OF SPACE, PAST WHERE EVEN THE STARS DARE GO...

...LIES M'KRAAN PALACE.

THE MOST SACRED SITE IN ALL CREATION TO THE SHI'AR. FOR THIS IS WHERE THEIR GODS LIVE...

YOUR ARROGANCE AND DISCOURTEOUSNESS CONFIRM IT.

A THOROUGHLY *UNWARRANTED* ARROGANCE, BY THE LOOKS OF HER. DO THE PEOPLE OF EARTH TRULY WORSHIP SUCH *SHABBY* LITTLE GODS?

NOT FOR MUCH LONGER, HUSBAND.

...AND OH WHAT GODS THEY ARE.

IF YOU WERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO *KNEEL*, YOU ABDUCTED THE WRONG GOD.

NO, I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE *RIGHT* GOD.

WE ARE *SHARRA* AND *K'YTHRI*, THE STARMOTHER AND THE FATHER OF LIGHT, CREATORS OF ALL SPACE AND TIME, SUPREME DEITIES OF THE ONE TRUE COSMIC CHOSEN PEOPLE, THE EVERLASTING *SHI'AR*.

WE BREATHE NEBULAE TO LIFE. WE WEEP COMETS AND SPEAK WITH THE VOICE OF A QUADRILLION SUPERNOVAE.

AND TODAY, *THOR OF ASGARD*, WE WILL TEACH YOU WHAT IT TRULY *MEANS* TO BE A *GOD*.

...YOU WISH TO *TEACH* ME WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A...

THREE DAYS AGO, WHILE YOU WERE FIDDLING WITH YOUR COMETS, I WAS HOLDING A MORTAL WOMAN IN MY ARMS AS THE *CANCER* THAT HAD RAVAGED HER BRAIN SLOWLY CONSUMED WHAT WAS LEFT OF HER LIFE.

ALL I COULD DO WAS LISTEN AS SHE *PRAYED*. SHE PRAYED TO ALL THE GODS.

AND THERE ARE SO VERY MANY OF THEM SPREAD ACROSS THIS COSMOS, ARE THERE NOT? AND OH, HOW EACH LOVES TO BOAST OF THEIR OWN MAJESTY AND ALMIGHTINESS.

YET WHERE IS THAT WOMAN NOW? TELL ME, IN WHAT *HEAVEN* DOES SHE RESIDE?

NONE OF THEM. BECAUSE NO GOD BOTHERED TO LISTEN OR CARE.

WHAT IN THE NAME OF THE IMPERIUM IS SHE GOING ON ABOUT? SOME EXPIRED MORTAL? IS SHE FEEBLE-MINDED, DO YOU THINK?

IT WOULD APPEAR SO. PERHAPS WE SHOULD SPEAK MORE SLOWLY.

IF *THAT* IS WHAT YOU THINK IT MEANS TO BE A GOD, THEN YOU AND ALL YOUR TEACHINGS ARE WELCOME TO DO AS THAT POOR WOMAN DID.

AND *VANISH* FROM THESE REALMS FOREVER.

THE ONLY THING I WISH TO LEARN FROM YOU IS *WHY*. WHY AM I HERE? I HAVE DONE NOTHING TO THESE SHI'AR.

YET.

YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE WE WISH IT.

BECAUSE WE DEMAND IT.

YOU ARE HERE TO ANSWER OUR CHALLENGE.

A CHALLENGE OF THE--

MY ANSWER IS *NO.* NOW IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME.

OR EVEN IF YOU WILL NOT.

VERY WELL. BUT SINCE YOU SEEM TO CARE SO MUCH ABOUT DEAD LITTLE MORTALS, I DO HOPE YOU REALIZE HOW MANY YOU'LL BE LEAVING IN YOUR WAKE BY WALKING AWAY.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I'M AFRAID IT'S TRUE, MY LADY THOR.

'TIS JUST *THOR.* I AM NOT NOW, NOR WILL I EVER BE, *"YOUR LADY."*

THE GODS TELL IT TRUE, THOR. THERE ARE THREE SHI'AR SUPERDESTROYER STARSHIPS IN EARTH'S ORBIT AS WE SPEAK, HEAVILY CLOAKED AND FULLY ARMED.

IF YOU DO NOT ANSWER THIS CHALLENGE, THEY HAVE ORDERS TO OBLITERATE THE *ENTIRE PLANET.*

THEN YOUR GODS ARE *MAD.*

NEVERTHELESS, THEY ARE THE GODS OF THE SHI'AR. AND I AM SORRY, BUT AS MAJESTOR OF THE IMPERIUM, I AM HONOR BOUND TO--

GHHK!

YOU DARE?!

FATHER!

MOVE FROM THIS SPOT AND GLADIATOR WILL *DIE*, PRINCE KUBARK.

WE *ALL* WILL DIE.

YOU DARE APOLOGIZE TO *HER*?!

WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE ALLOWED A *STRONTIAN* TO LEAD THE SHI'AR! YOU ARE NOT FIT TO BE MAJESTOR!

YOU ARE NOT FIT TO BREATHE OUR AIR OR WALK IN OUR LIGHT!

IF... THAT IS YOUR COMMAND.

ENOUGH!

THIS ENDS NOW.

ALL OF IT.

OR I END *YOU.*

AH, I DO BELIEVE SHE CHANGED HER MIND ABOUT ACCEPTING OUR CHALLENGE.

THEN SO IT BEGINS.

THUD

AYE. SO BEGINS THE KICKING OF THINE HINDQUARTERS.

OH, MY. THIS IS GOING TO BE EVEN EASIER THAN WE IMAGINED.

YES, BUT NO LESS FUN.

POW

HGGN!

FEELS LIKE A NUCLEAR BOMB JUST EXPLODED IN MY FACE. HAVEN'T BEEN PUNCHED LIKE THAT SINCE *ODIN*. AND I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE HELL IS GOING--

AH, SORRY, BUT I'M AFRAID I'M GOING TO HAVE TO INSIST THAT WE FOLLOW THE *PROPER PROTOCOL* HERE.

THERE IS AN ESTABLISHED ORDER TO THESE THINGS, AFTER ALL. *TRIAL BY COMBAT* ISN'T SCHEDULED UNTIL ROUND 17.

UM, HELLO. I'M *SHADRAK*, GOD OF DAFFODILS AND DOCUMENTATION. AND I'M HERE FROM OMNIPOTENCE CITY TO OFFICIATE THIS... *CHALLENGE OF THE GODS.*

SHALL WE GET STARTED?

ASGARDIA.

AND THEN THERE WAS THE TIME I DONNED THE ARMOR OF THE DESTROYER AND WENT OFF, SWORD IN HAND, TO BATTLE THE CELESTIALS!

THE CONGRESS OF WORLDS.

SIGH

OR WAIT, WAS IT *ODIN* WHO DID THAT?

NO, NO, IT WAS DEFINITELY ME. I REMEMBER IT LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY!

THE DAY BEGAN WITH A QUICK BREAKFAST OF BILGESNIPE BACON, POACHED LEVIATHAN EGGS, SAUTÉED SPACE MUSHROOMS, BAKED ASGARDIAN BEANS, BLACK DRAGON PUDDING, CROW BLOOD SAUSAGE, HORSE STEW, DWARVEN MOUNTAIN OYSTERS, VANIR FLATBREAD WITH RAW HONEY, MIDGARDIAN BAGELS, ELVEN ELDERBERRY PIE WITH A DOLLOP OF CREAM, A TALL GLASS OF WARM BUTTERMILK, A TANKARD OF HOME-BREWED ALE, A BOTTLE OF--

SENATOR VOLSTAGG, THIS IS MADNESS.

THE DELEGATION FROM *NIFFLEHEIM* DEMANDS THAT THE ASGARDIAN YIELD THE FLOOR.

SORRY, ARE EVEN THE ESTEEMED *GHOST SENATORS* GROWING HUNGRY?

ALL THIS *CONGRESS OF WORLDS* MUST DO IS VOTE TO APPROVE ASGARDIAN ACTION AGAINST THE SHI'AR, AND WE ALL MAY THEN BREAK FOR LUNCH. MY TREAT.

THE SHI'AR-- *FAH!*

ALFHEIM

TELL ME, WHERE WAS THIS CONGRESS WHEN ***ALFHEIM'S*** CAPITAL CITY WAS BEING BURNED TO THE GROUND AND ITS QUEEN IMPRISONED AND DISFIGURED?

THE ***LIGHT ELF*** DELEGATION REFUSES TO SANCTION ACTION AGAINST A FEW RAMBUNCTIOUS SPACE PIRATES UNTIL WE'VE FIRST DECLARED WAR ON ***MALEKITH.***

THOUGH ASGARDIAN PRIDE MAY BE GRIEVOUSLY WOUNDED, IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ***VANIR*** DELEGATION THAT NO LIVES WERE LOST AND THE ONLY THING THAT WAS STOLEN WAS THE RENEGADE ***THOR.***

I IMAGINE THERE ARE MANY IN ASGARDIA WHO ARE FEELING RATHER ***GRATEFUL*** FOR SUCH A THEFT.

THE ***QUEEN OF CINDERS*** IS COMING TO BURN YOU ALL.

BURN BURN ***BURN*** YOU ALL.

MIDGARD

ASGARD

WELL, VOLSTAGG, IT APPEARS YOU HAVE EVEN FEWER ALLIES IN THIS CHAMBER THAN USUAL.

AYE, SO IT DOES.

WHERE ***ARE*** YOU, ***JANE FOSTER?***

SO I AM AFRAID YOU ALL LEAVE ME NO CHOICE.

I'M PREPARED FOR QUITE A LONG ***FILIBUSTER.*** I HOPE YOU ARE AS WELL.

SO, THEN THERE WAS THE TIME I SACRIFICED MY EYE TO ***MIMIR*** IN ORDER TO FORESTALL ***RAGNAROK.***

BUT ***FIRST*** I ATE A QUICK LUNCH OF...

I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD LIVE TO SEE THE DAY--

--WHEN THE LORD OF ASGARD WOULD RUN FROM A FIGHT LIKE A WOUNDED PUP.

MIND YOUR TONGUE, *LADY SIF*, OR I'LL HAVE SOMEONE MIND IT FOR YOU.

WITH A PAIR OF *PLIERS*.

I AM *CUL BORSON*. THE DAY I RUN FROM BATTLE IS THE DAY THE STARS TURN TO SNOWSTORMS AND THE SEAS BURN WITH FIRE.

IF THESE *SHI'AR DOGS* EVER DARE SHOW THEIR FACES HERE AGAIN, I WILL HAVE THEIR HEADS MOUNTED ON PIKES FOR ALL THE REALMS TO SEE.

BUT WHAT I WILL *NOT* DO IS GO GALLIVANTING ACROSS THE GALAXY JUST TO RESCUE THE GREATEST *THIEF* WHO EVER LIVED.

IF THE SHI'AR HAVE DECLARED WAR ON THE PRETENDER THOR, THEN IT IS *HER* WAR TO FIGHT. NOT *OURS*.

I DEMAND AN AUDIENCE WITH THE *ALL-FATHER*.

MY BROTHER ODIN HAS SEALED HIMSELF INSIDE HIS PRIVATE CHAMBERS, REFUSING TO LEAVE THE BEDSIDE OF HIS WOUNDED WIFE. YOU KNOW THIS.

AND BESIDES, I AM *REGENT*. I RULE IN HIS PLACE.

DOES ODIN KNOW THAT HIS REGENT IS A *COWARD*?

TREASON!

THUNDER GUARD, TO ARMS! OUR HAMMERS WILL TASTE YOUR BLOOD FOR THAT!

MORE LIKE YOU'LL BE TASTING YOUR OWN HAMMERS. ONCE HILDEGARDE HAS RAMMED THEM DOWN YOUR PUNY THROATS.

SIDEWAYS.

THE SHI'AR ARE OUT THERE *LAUGHING* AT YOU, CUL, AND *THIS* IS THE FIGHT YOU CHOOSE? AGAINST YOUR OWN PEOPLE?

I AM THE *GOD OF FEAR.*

I HAVE SPENT MY LIFE MAKING *COWARDS* OF ALL WHO DARED OPPOSE ME. NO ONE HAS *EVER* BEEN FOOL ENOUGH TO CALL ME SUCH MYSELF.

TAKE BACK YOUR WORDS, SIF, OR I WILL TAKE YOUR *HEAD.*

MAKE ME TAKE THEM BACK. SHOW ME YOU ARE MORE THAN JUST EMPTY BOASTS.

SHOW ME YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST GOD TO SIT ON THAT THRONE WHO STOOD BY AND DID *NOTHING* WHILE HIS KINGDOM WAS INVADED AND HUMILIATED.

SHOW ME YOU WOULD CROSS AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE TO PUNISH THOSE WHO SPAT IN YOUR FACE BY DEFILING THESE GOLDEN HALLS.

SHOW ME YOU TRULY ARE THE SON OF BOR, WORTHY TO BE PROTECTOR OF THIS REALM.

SHOW ME, CUL THE SERPENT, THAT YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES...

...TO LEAD THE GODS INTO *WAR.*

CHANDILAR.
THE SHI'AR THRONEWORLD.

"THE FIRST CHALLENGE WILL TAKE PLACE HERE..."

...ON THE FINEST WORLD IN ALL THE COSMOS-- *CHANDILAR.*

WHERE SHARRA AND I ARE REVERED AND WORSHIPED ABOVE ALL ELSE BY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE 18 BILLION SOULS WHO CALL THIS PLANET HOME.

HERE WE WILL SHOW YOU THE *TRUE POWER* THAT A GOD CAN WIELD.

I STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE. OR WHY. OR HOW I AM MEANT TO...

ENOUGH TALK! NOW WE DO BATTLE AS ONLY THE GODS CAN DO!

WITH THE CHALLENGE OF *NATURAL DISASTERS!*

THE CHALLENGE OF...

ODIN'S BEARD.

TIDAL WAVE!!!

IT JUST... CAME OUT OF NOWHERE. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

SHARRA AND K'YTHRI SAVE US!

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!

YOU... MADE A TIDAL WAVE? WHY WOULD YOU...

BECAUSE EVEN AFTER THOUSANDS DIE TRAGICALLY FOR NO DISCERNIBLE REASON WHATSOEVER...

MILLIONS, MOST LIKELY. I'VE QUITE A KNACK FOR WEATHER-RELATED DEVASTATION.

...EVEN BEFORE THE BODIES HAVE BEEN BURIED, THE SURVIVORS WILL FLOCK TO THEIR SHRINES... TO ***WORSHIP*** US.

THE MORE SENSELESS THE CARNAGE, THE MORE THEY PRAY.

AND FOR EVERY PRAYER WE RECEIVE IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS, WE ARE AWARDED ONE POINT.

SO EXPECT OUR SCORE TO BE ABOUT ***18 BILLION*** FOR THIS ROUND. MINUS THE FEW MILLION WHO'VE DROWNED, OF COURSE.

THAT IS POWER, THOR. THE TYPE OF POWER YOU COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND. AND THAT IS THE REASON YOU ARE HERE TO--

WHERE IS SHE GOING?

DOES SHE NOT KNOW SHE HAS TO WAIT HER TURN?

MOMMY!

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND PRAY, BABY.

SHARRA AND K'YTHRI... TAKE US INTO YOUR ARMS. WE--

WHAT...?

GODS BE PRAISED.

WHAT DOES SHE THINK SHE'S DOING? THIS ISN'T HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME!

SHE'S ***FORFEITED*** THIS ROUND! SHE'S FORFEITED THE ENTIRE CHALLENGE!

WE'VE ***WON!*** WE'VE PROVEN WE'RE THE SUPERIOR GODS!

ACTUALLY...

"...I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT."

WAS ANYONE INJURED? DOES ANYONE HERE REQUIRE FURTHER ASSISTANCE?

IS THAT... THOR?

THOR THE THUNDERER? I'VE HEARD OF THOR.

EVERYONE HAS HEARD OF THOR.

DIDN'T SHE USE TO HAVE A BEARD?

SHE'S A GOD, YET SHE'S... TALKING TO US. WALKING AMONG US.

SHE... SHE SAVED US ALL.

ALL PRAISE TO THOR.

PLEASE, THERE'S NO NEED FOR...

ALL PRAISE TO THOR.

I'LL SAY A PRAYER TO YOU TONIGHT.

I'LL SAY A PRAYER TO YOU EVERY NIGHT.

I'LL NAME MY NEXT CHILD AFTER YOU.

ALL PRAISE TO THOR, SAVIOR OF CHANDILAR.

I'VE ALWAYS HATED THIS ROUND.

YES. LET'S MOVE ON TO THE *BATTLE OF PLAGUES.*

MEANWHILE, ON THE EDGE OF SHI'AR-CONTROLLED SPACE...

CHANDILAR TO PATROL OMEGA-NINE. WE JUST DETECTED A MASSIVE ENERGY FLUCTUATION IN YOUR QUADRANT. WHAT ARE YOUR SCANNERS SHOWING?

WE SAW IT TOO, COMMAND. MOVING TO INVESTIGATE.

THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING OUT HERE, CAPTAIN.

THOUGH THE SIGNAL DOESN'T CONFORM TO ANY SPACE VESSEL LOGGED IN OUR DATABANKS.

LOAD HADRON TORPEDOES, JUST IN--

WHAT IN THE NAME OF THE GODS?!

SIR, WE'RE *UNDER ATTACK!* SOMEHOW THEIR WEAPONS PIERCED OUR SHIELDS!

WHAT ARE THEY FIRING AT US? *FUSION MINES? TACHYON BOMBS?*

SIR, IT APPEARS TO BE...*UM...*

...I BELIEVE THEY'RE CALLED... *ARROWS.*

ARCHERS! READY ANOTHER VOLLEY!

THE REST OF YOU... PREPARE TO BOARD!

FOR ASGARD!!!

TO BE CONTINUED.

AND LO, THERE CAME THE... HAMMER GRAMS

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GREETINGS, WARRIORS OF THE REALMS! ASSOCIATE EDITOR SARAH BRUNSTAD HERE WITH A FULL TANKARD OF LETTERS THAT DEMAND ANSWERS! I CAN ONLY HOPE I AM A WORTHY INTERMEDIARY FOR THE SAVIOR OF CHANDILAR. BUT COME! THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE IN THE BATTLES OF THE GODS...

GUYS, I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS STORY FOR OVER A YEAR NOW, AND I HAVE TO SAY IT IS STARTING TO GRATE ON ME.

IT SEEMS LIKE IN ALL THAT TIME THOR HAS NOT RACKED UP A SOLID WIN EVEN ONCE. MALEKITH IS A GREAT CHARACTER, BUT SEEING HIM BURN AND MURDER HIS WAY THROUGH THOUSANDS WHILE THOR IS EFFECTIVELY IMPOTENT IS BECOMING DEPRESSING.

I GET THAT THIS IS A LONG-TERM STORY, AND HIS FINAL DEFEAT IS A LONG WAY OFF. BUT EVEN IN A 22-EPISODE SEASON OF AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D., THEY HAVE VICTORIES WORTH CELEBRATING ALONG THE WAY. EVERY TIME OUR LADY OF THUNDER LOOKS LIKE SHE WILL GET A WIN, SOMETHING HAPPENS TO UNDO IT OR DIMINISH IT. IT'S BECOMING DEPRESSING, AND WE DON'T READ THESE STORIES TO BE DEPRESSED MONTH AFTER MONTH. WE HAVE NEWS MEDIA FOR THAT. BUT EVERY ISSUE OF THOR SEEMS TO FINISH WITH "THIS IS BAD AND IT'S GOING TO GET EVEN WORSE!"

JUST LETTING YOU KNOW, I CAN'T WAIT FOREVER FOR A STORY THAT ENDS ON AN UPBEAT AND THE VILLAINS TAKING A TURN IN THE DOGHOUSE.

BRETT CRAWFORD

HEY BRETT,

I FEEL YOUR PAIN. WE ALWAYS WANT OUR HEROES TO SAVE THE DAY—AND MOST OF THE TIME, THEY DO! BUT JASON'S OUT TO TELL THE MOST COMPELLING STORY THAT HE CAN...AND WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH SOMETHING LIKE CANCER—MUCH LESS SPACE WARS AND JEALOUS GODS—EASY ANSWERS ARE HARD TO FIND. HAVE FAITH, THOUGH: AS LONG AS SHE'S GOT BREATH, THOR'S GONNA BE FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT, AND ISN'T THAT THE ULTIMATE OPTIMISM?

I JUST WANTED TO VOICE MY DISAPPOINTMENT WITH HOW YOU MISREPRESENTED ISSUE #15. I STOPPED BUYING THE MIGHTY THOR WHEN YOU SWITCHED IT TO JANE FOSTER AND ONLY BOUGHT THE ISSUE BECAUSE YOU PLACED A PICTURE OF ODINSON ON THE COVER, WHO WAS NOT IN THE ISSUE AT ALL. I'M SURE YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE TO TRY AND HELP SALES, BUT IT'S JUST POOR FORM AND IN NORMAL THINGS WOULD BE FALSE ADVERTISING.

VERY DISAPPOINTED MARVEL FAN,
JOHN SAVILL

HI JOHN,

NO INTENTIONAL DECEPTIONS HERE! THE FACT IS, THE ODINSON IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE PART OF THOR'S WORLD, WITH OR WITHOUT MJOLNIR IN HAND—AND WHEN HE GETS AWAY FROM THE COLLECTOR IN UNWORTHY THOR—WHICH I HOPE YOU'RE READING!—YOU CAN BET HE'LL BE FIGHTING FOR HIS HOME RIGHT ALONGSIDE THE REST OF THE ASGARDIANS. SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND, TOO, IS THAT COMIC BOOK COVERS HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF TEASING MATERIAL THAT DOESN'T APPEAR IN THE ISSUE IN THE EXACT WAY THAT YOU EXPECT—OTHERWISE, WHERE'S THE SURPRISE?!

DEAR TEAM THOR,

I'VE BEEN A HUGE THOR FANBOY EVER SINCE THE MOVIE CAME OUT BACK IN 2011. I KNOW IT'S NOT TOO COMMON, BUT I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT THOR IS TIED WITH CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR AS MY FAVORITE MCU FILM. I REMEMBER GOING AND WATCHING IT AT LEAST 6 TIMES IN THEATERS WITH MY DAD. I LOVED THE MAGIC IT BROUGHT TO THE PURELY SCIENTIFIC (I'M LOOKING AT YOU, TONY STARK/BRUCE BANNER) WORLD THAT THE MCU WAS AT THE TIME.

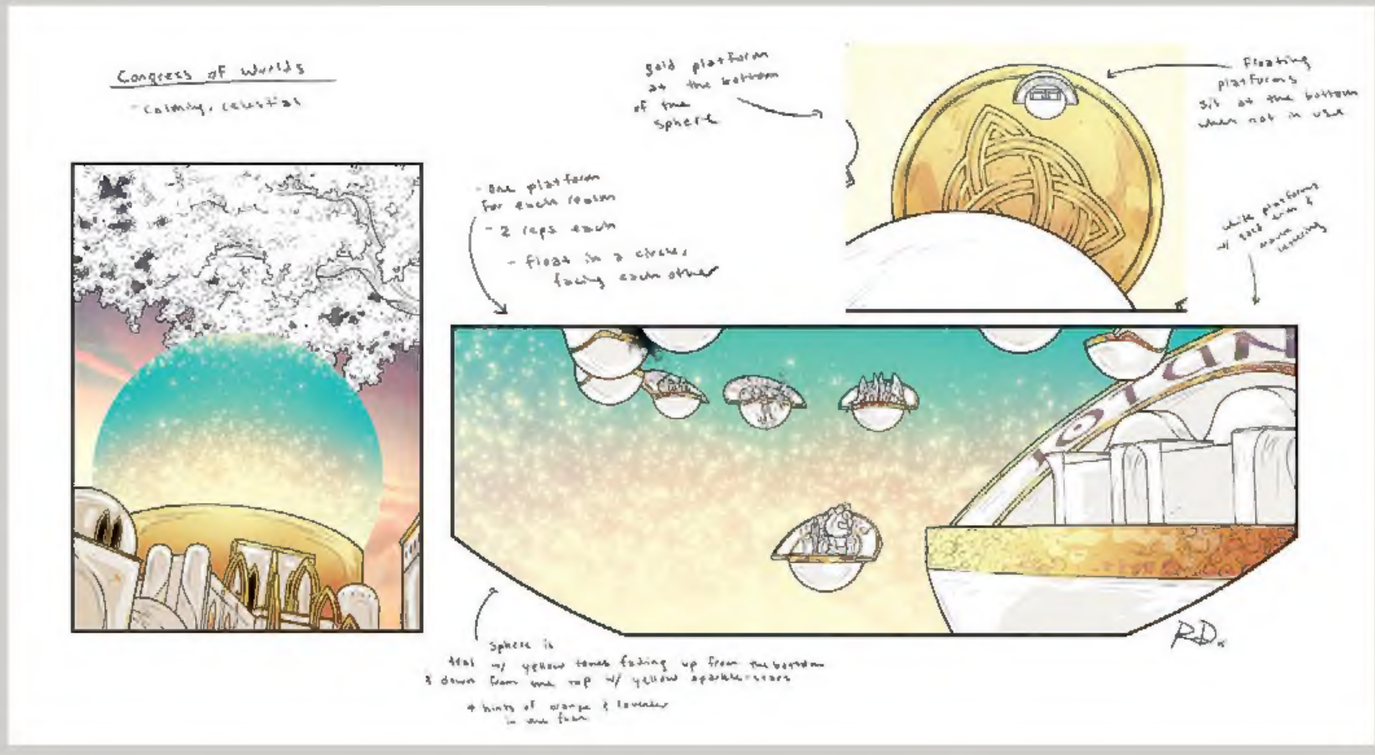
ANYWAYS, MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT THE MOVIE WAS JANE FOSTER. I LOVED HER PERSONALITY. SHE HAD SUCH STRENGTH TO HER--SO MUCH SO THAT SHE WON THE HEART OF THE GOD OF THUNDER HIMSELF. AND WHEN I HEARD THAT THE NEW THOR WAS GOING TO BE A WOMAN, I HAD HIGH HOPES THAT IT WOULD BE JANE. I BEGAN MY COLLECTION OF THOR COMIC BOOKS WITH THE VERY FIRST ISSUE OF THE MIGHTY THOR BACK IN 2014. I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED WHEN ODINSON, DETERMINED TO FIND OUT THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THOR, VISITED JANE AND FOUND SHE WAS DYING FROM CANCER. BUT I WAS SO CURIOUS AS TO WHO THIS NEW THOR WAS THAT I STUCK AROUND, AND BOY, AM I GLAD I DID! I'VE READ EVERY ISSUE SINCE. I LOVE JASON AARON'S WRITING. AND COME ON. RUSSELL DAUTERMAN'S WORK? EVERY PAGE IS A MASTERPIECE! IN FACT, I'VE CURRENTLY GOT MYSELF A THOR TATTOO SCHEDULED FOR MAY (DEFINITELY GOING TO BE ONE OF DAUTERMAN'S THORS)!

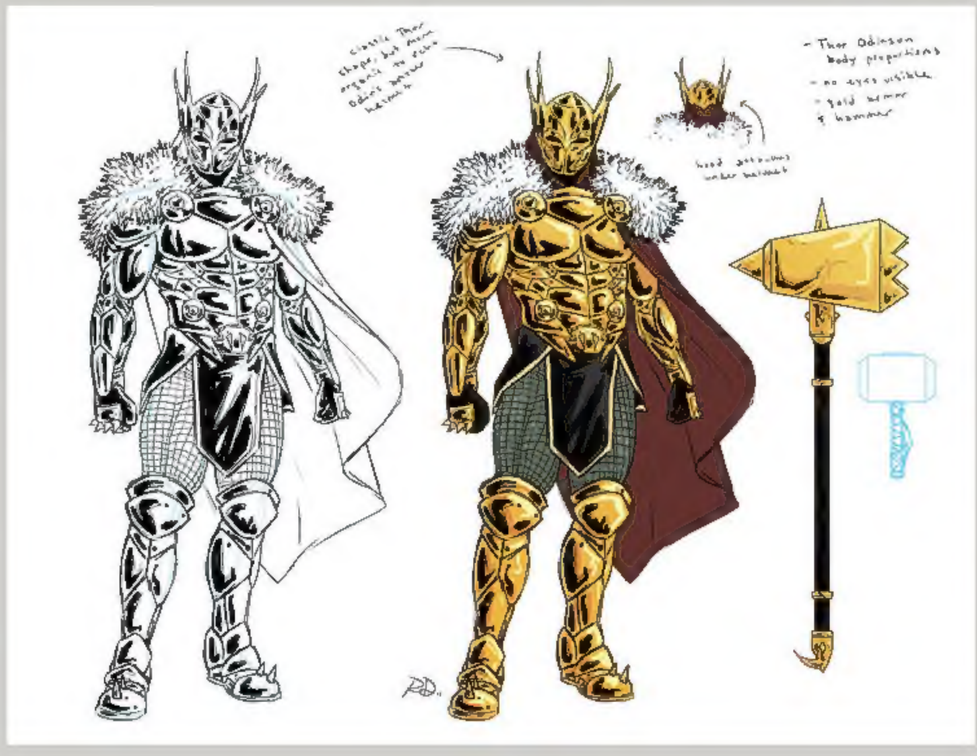
ANYWAYS, I JUST FINISHED THE MIGHTY THOR ISSUE #15 AND COULDN'T BE HAPPIER WITH THE DIRECTION THIS SERIES IS GOING IN. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THOR KICK SOME MORE SHI'AR HINEY!

SINCERELY,
ALEXANDER NAGATA
FLAGSTAFF, AZ

ALEXANDER, I LOVE THE THOR FILMS! THE VISUALS IN THOSE ARE SPECTACULAR, AND THEY DO A GREAT JOB OF HITTING THE SCIENCE-MAGIC BALANCE THAT GETS SO TRICKY IN THOR'S WORLD. I TOO HOPED THE NEW THOR WOULD BE JANE...AND JASON DID NOT DISAPPOINT! HE DEFINITELY KEPT US GUESSING, THOUGH. THANKS FOR READING AND SENDING US YOUR FEELS—AND WE'D FIGHT A TROLL TO SEE A PIC OF YOUR TATTOO!

KEEP WRITING US WITH ALL YOUR LOVE—AND SURE, HATE—FOR THE MIGHTY AND EVER-SUFFERING THOR! IN THE MEANTIME, HERE'RE SOME OF RUSSELL'S DROOL-WORTHY DESIGNS FOR THE CONGRESS OF WORLDS AND THE THUNDER GUARD:


Congress of Worlds
- calming, celestial
gold platform at the bottom of the sphere
Floating platforms s/s as the bottom when not in use
- 8ea platform for each realm
- 2 reps each
- float in a circle, facing each other
Sphere is teal w/ yellow tones fading up from the bottom & down from the top w/ yellow sparkle stars
+ hints of orange & lavender in the fade


classic Thor shape but more organic to color object behind
- Thor Odinson body proportions
- no eyes visible
- gold armor & hammer
head protrudes under helmet

NEXT:

THE MIGHTY THOR #17

THE UNWORTHY THOR #5

ZONE